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1. EA DEFENDS FY'80 SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUBMISSION
(CONFIDENTIAL)

BOB OAKLEY, BOB FRITTS, JOHN MONJO, AND DAVID BLAKEMORE
SPENT THREE HOURS THIS MORNING DEFENDING EA'S FY 1980
ZBB SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUBMISSION BEFORE DICK ERICSON'S
INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP. IT WAS AN EXCELLENT SESSION,
MUCH SMOOTHER THAN LAST YEAR'S WHICH WAS MARRED BY
STORMY ARGUMENT OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. HA'S OLLIE JONES
DID FOREWARN THAT HIS PEOPLE WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE
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PHILIPPINE PACKAGE TWO MOVED TO A LOW PRIORITY POSITION
DURING THE WORLDWIDE REVIEW SESSION SCHEDULED AUGUST
30, AND HE THOUGHT THAT HA WOULD ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE
WORLDWIDE IMET PROGRAM. WE ALSO STILL HAVE SOME NEGOTIA-
TING TO DO WITH HA ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS LANGUAGE IN THE
OVERVIEW PAPERS ON THE PHILIPPINES AND KOREA. OTHERWISE,
OMB'S SHAW AND PM'S ERICSON LARGELY CONFINED THEMSELVES

TO SUGGESTING MINOR DRAFTING CHANGES AND DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS IN SOME OF THE MINIMUM FMS AND IMET PACKAGE LEVELS TO IMPROVE EA'S TACTICAL POSITIONS. BOTH SHAW AND ERICSON CONGRATULATED THE BUREAU FOR THE FACTUAL AND WELL REASONED QUALITY OF ITS PRESENTATIONS. SHAW CAUTIONED HOWEVER, THAT OMB'S PLANNED CEILINGS FOR FY'80 WERE CLOSE TO THE TOTAL OF THE WORLDWIDE MINIMUM PACKAGES.

2. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE (CD) NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE
(CONFIDENTIAL)

DISCUSSIONS OF THE EXPANSION OF THE CD HAVE CONTINUED DURING THE WEEK. WARNKE HAS TOLD AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR RENOUF THAT THE US "LOOKED WITH GREAT FAVOR" ON THE GOA CANDIDACY AND THAT THE SOVIETS ALSO SEEM TO BE POSITIVE. IT IS EVIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE AUSTRALIANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET LINKAGE OF THE CUBAN AND AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACIES AND THEY HAVE QUESTIONED US CLOSELY ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS WITH MEMBERSHIP FOR HAVANA.

IN GENEVA MEANWHILE, AT A MEETING OF THE WESTERN GROUP, DUTCH, JAPANESE AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE STATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIA, AND JAPAN NOTED THAT IT WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEEK GREATER REPRESENTATION FROM THE PACIFIC/ASIAN AREA, MENTIONING INDONESIA SPECIFICALLY.

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ON THE QUESTION OF CHINA, THE JAPANESE TOLD THE GROUP THEY HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK COOPERATION IN FACILITATING PEKING'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMITTEE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY OF WHETHER A CHAIR SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR THE PRC, THE WESTERN GROUP AGREED THAT THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE FOR WESTERN COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY TO APPROACH THE CHINESE. THE CHINESE THEMSELVES, DURING A SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON CD MEMBERSHIP AT A WALDHEIM LUNCHEON IN GENEVA, TOOK A FRIENDLY PART IN THE CONVERSATION BUT WERE NONCOMMITTAL.

3. CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER (CAT) TALKS (SECRET)

ROUND THREE OF THE CAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED IN HELSINKI. US DELEGATES REPORT ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TALKS. FROM THE US POINT OF VIEW, CAT TALKS ARE DESIGNED TO MULTILATERALIZE THE EXISTING US ARMS TRANSFER POLICY. ONE

ASPECT OF THE TALKS WHICH WILL BEAR EA OBSERVATION IS THE REGIONAL RESTRAINT PRINCIPLE, BY WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD DISCUSS COOPERATIVE MEASURES OF RES-

TRAINING IN SPECIFIED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. SO FAR THIS IS BEING DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF APPLICATION TO SUB-SAHARA AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS HAVE MUSED INFORMALLY IN THIS CONNECTION ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF THE RECENT VIETNAMESE PROPOSAL FOR A ZONE OF PEACE, ETC. IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP BRIEFINGS ON CAT TO BE GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF EAST ASIAN EMBASSIES HERE, AS WELL AS TO OUR OWN COUNTRY DIRECTORS. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON THE BRIEFINGS TO OUR EMBASSIES AS THEY PROCEED.

4. MUNITIONS CONTROL CASES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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THE HUMAN RIGHTS BUREAU HAS WITHDRAWN ITS EARLIER OBJECTION TO LICENSING THE EXPORT OF TWO SNIPER RIFLES AND ASSOCIATED ACCESSORIES WHICH ARE TO BE USED BY THE INDONESIAN POLICE IN ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORTS. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE INTERPOSED OBJECTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MC CASES:

COUNTRY	ITEM
PHILIPPINES	ADVISORY OPINION ON V.150
"	ARMORED CARS
"	.45 PISTOLS FOR NBI
"	"TASER" RIOT CONTROL WEAPON
	(ALSO OBJECTIONS FOR INDONESIA, ROC, AND ROK)
INDONESIA	NIGHT VISION DEVICE FOR POLICE
"	SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION
"	GAS GUNS, MASKS, AND TEAR GAS
THAILAND	TEAR GAS FOR ARMY, NAVY, AND POLICE

5. LABOR ADVISOR CHANGING OF THE GUARD (UNCLASSIFIED)

WE REGRET HAVING TO SAY GOODBYE THIS WEEK TO DON HARRIS, WHO HAS SERVED HERE AS LABOR ADVISOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER IN THICK AND THIN SINCE DECEMBER 1975. BUT WE WELCOME ARRIVAL OF HIS SUCCESSOR, LES SLEZAK. LES HAS A LONG BACKGROUND OF LABOR WORK IN EUR AND AF. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS TOUR HERE AND TO GETTING OUT TO A NUMBER OF OUR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE PRIORITY INTEREST FROM A LABOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS POINT OF VIEW. VANCE

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